

# A GRAND GESTURE

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As you are all aware by now one of the main objectives of "A Touch Far Vetched!" is to raise money for Youth Development in Swansea, and thanks to your support we have reached a real milestone.

With the proceeds from Issue 3, a cheque has been written for £200 and donated to the Supporters Trust for use in its own Youth Development fundraising scheme.

*This takes our overall contribution to the future of football in Swansea over the £1,000 mark.*

That's right; more than a grand has been handed over in less than nine months since the very first edition of "A Touch Far Vetched!" hit the streets - **and this is just the start!**

The money raised from sales of Issue 3 will be put to good use by the Supporters Trust; David Moss (Head of Youth Development at SCFC) has provided a list of priority items that he requires. The Trust has been pulling out all the stops to raise the funds needed to fulfil David's wish list, which includes essential training kit, nutritional advice manuals and, top of the list, the hire of a video crew to film all Under 18 games. The quicker these items are purchased, the better... and our contribution brings everyone a little closer to that objective.

*But that's not all...*



**NEW BOOTS FOR OUR  
"ADOPTED SON"**

...Shaun MacDonald, the "adopted son" of "A Touch Far Vetched!", has received funding for a new pair of football boots. Shaun's only pair got wrecked during his sensational home debut against Rushden & Diamonds in the LDV Trophy.

Putting himself about in central midfield, Shaun found himself on the end of a dubious sliding challenge that ripped a huge gash in the side of one boot, leaving him more "Tragic Daps" than "Magic Daps". It didn't stop Shaun putting in an excellent performance in what was a very pleasing 4-0 win for the Swans.

***Every effort must be made to aid Shaun in his development. We promised to play our part with funding available when needed and we have delivered.***

It isn't all plain sailing though. I have to admit that sales of Issue 3 were a little disappointing but there were a few reasons behind the lower than expected numbers. The move to White Rock has hindered rather than helped us as the amount of ground we have to cover has increased significantly compared to the Vetch.

The crowds may be bigger but they are spread over a much wider area.

The newly-acquired ability to sell on Stadium land will help (thank you Stadco!) but **what we really need is volunteers to help us sell on match day** - the more people we have selling, the more copies we can shift and the bigger the donation to the club.

The lack of bodies meant that this time round we could not spare anybody to visit the numerous pubs in the area and this in itself probably led to the loss of at least a couple of hundred sales. Not an ideal situation but one that couldn't be helped given the resources available at the time.

Never fear though, we are constantly working behind the scenes to improve all aspects of the fanzine and that includes the distribution side of things. Investment has been made to ensure sellers are easier to spot amongst the big crowds, current and back issues are available to order online at our website - [www.atfv.co.uk](http://www.atfv.co.uk) - and "A Touch Far Vetched!" is now also available over the counter at **Good News** stores throughout the city.

We've come a long way in a short space of time, but we need you to keep buying, keep reading and carry on supporting the stars of tomorrow.

***We also need a few more hardy souls to brave the cold, the wind and the rain to help bring a quality publication to its adoring public ;~)***

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